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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES-MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON STATE AND
LOCAL GOVERNMENT

REF: A) BUCHAREST 421; B) STATE 036809

1. BEURAN VISITED EMBASSY FEBRUARY 19 FOR DISCUSSION WITH CAO REGARDING SUBJECT PROGRAM AND, AT SAME TIME, PAID BRIEF COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR. ALTHOUGH WE WELCOME INFORMATION REFTEL B, BEURAN DOES NOT, IN OUR JUDGMENT, TURN OUT TO HAVE SUFFICIENT ENGLISH FLUENCY TO PARTICIPATE IN GROUP PROJECT. THIS JUDGMENT IS BASED ON POST UNDERSTANDING OF MINIMUM LANGUAGE STANDARD WHICH PROGRAM REQUIRES. ALTHOUGH BEURAN CONTINUES TO TAKE LESSONS, HE HAS LIMITED COMPREHENSION ABILITY AND SLIGHT ORAL COMPETENCE. THUS WE DO NOT FEEL THAT HE WOULD BENEFIT FROM U.S. EXPERIENCE UNDER THESE CONDITIONS.

IN LIGHT, HOWEVER, OF POST'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO FOCUS OUR IV PROGRAM ON ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND POTENTIAL OF RECENTLY NEGOTIATED ARTICLE V OF 1975-76 PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES, WE WISH TO NOMINATE BEURAN FOR THIRTY-DAY INDIVIDUAL IV PROGRAM. IDEALLY, EMBASSY WOULD HOPE THAT BEURAN COULD PARTICIPATE IN WASHINGTON PORTION OF GROUP PROGRAM (MARCH 17-21) TO BE FOLLOWED BY INDIVIDUAL
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TRAVEL WITH FRENCH LANGUAGE ESCORT-INTERPRETER FOR BALANCE

OF HIS STAY. ALTERNATIVELY, BEURAN PREFERS ARRIVE U.S.
O/A MARCH 30 FOR THIRTY-DAY PROGRAM.

3. ASSUMING INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE TO DEPARTMENT
AND PROGRAM AGENCY IN THIS TIME FRAME, BEURAN WOULD RE-
PRESENT FIRST ROMANIAN IV FROM COUNTY-LEVEL GOVERNMENT
STRUCTURE OUTSIDE OF "DELEGATION" VISIT FORMAT. IN OUR VIEW,
HIS SUCCESSFUL U.S. PROGRAM WOULD BE PRIMARY TOOL FOR
EMBASSY TO USE TO EFFECT ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION UNDER
ARTICLE V DURING NEXT TWO-YEAR PERIOD.

4. BUERAN'S FULL BIODATA AND OTHER PROGRAMMING INFORMATION
SUBJECT SEPTTEL. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT ADVISE ACCEPTANCE OF
BEURAN FOR INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM, SUITABILITY OF PARTICIPATION
IN A PORTION OF GROUP PROJECT, OR , ALTERNATIVELY, SUGGESTED
DATE O/A APRIL 1 FOR PROGRAM AGENCY TO RECEIVE HIM.
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